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SUBJECT: CONGOLESE MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER

REF: BONN'S 7478

- 1. PLEASE REQUEST FRG FONMIN TO INFORM GERMAN AMBASSADOR IN BRAZZAVILLE THAT CONGOLESE AMBASSADOR TO UN MONDJO MET ON MAY 3 WITH ACTING ASST SEC FOR AFRICA SEELYE AND PRESENTED PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM CONGOLESE PRESIDENT YHOMBI-OPANGO TO PRESIDENT CARTER.
- 2. DURING CORDIAL, 40-MINUTE MEETING AT DEPT, MONDJO WAS INFORMED MAY 9 MEETING INCONVENIENT TO US (CONFLICT WITH CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE IN ABIDJAN) AND WE WILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROPOSE LATER DATE, POSSIBLY IN LATE MAY. MONDJO NOTED THAT PRESIDENT YHOMBI WANTED MOVE AHEAD AND HOPED THAT TALKS COULD BEGIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PREFERABLY SOMETIME IN MAY.

3. WHEN ASKED WHETHER NEW YORK MIGHT NOT BE MORE CONVENIENT SITE THAN BONN, MONDJO INDICATED CONGOLESE

FLEXIBLE ON THAT POINT AND PROPOSED BONN BECAUSE OF FRG'S ROLE THUS FAR IN GETTING TWO SIDES TOGETHER.

IN RESPONSE SEELYE'S RAISING OF ISSUE OF COMPENSATION TO NATIONALIZED US FIRMS, MONDJO STATED CONGOLESE AWARE OF NECESSITY TO LIVE UP TO ITS OBLIGATIONS AND HAVE ALREADY ESTABLISHED SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR NATIONALIZED BRITISH FIRM.

4. IN NOTING THAT CONGO (NGOUABI) HAD ALREADY PLAYED USEFUL ROLE IN PASSING MESSAGES BETWEEN MOBUTU AND NETO, SEELYE ASKED WHETHER CONGO COULD PLAY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN CURRENT DISPUTE BETWEEN ZAIRE AND ANGOLA. CONGOLESE AMBASSADOR RELATED THAT CONGO WOULD CONTINUE TRY TO GET TWO SIDES TOGETHER, BUT REALISTICALLY RECOGNIZED CONGO'S LIMITATIONS IN THIS REGARD.

5. FULL TEXT OF PRESIDENT YHOMBI'S MESSAGE WILL FOLLOW SEPTEL. VANCE

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